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For: EXCHANGE-COUPLED FILM, SPIN VALVE FILM, THIN FILM MAGNETIC HEAD, MAGNETIC HEAD APPARATUS, AND MAGNETIC RECORDING/REPRODUCING APPARATUS

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- ☒ 2. An English language Abstract of the non-English language reference is attached hereto.
- ☒ 3. A computer-generated English language translation of the following Japanese reference has been obtained from the website of the Japanese Patent Office ([<http://www.jpo.go.jp>]), and is attached, but has not been reviewed for accuracy. See Reference 1.

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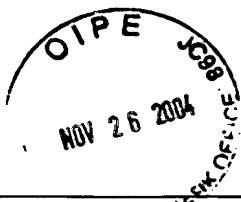
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